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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, August 27, 1930, 4 p.m. - With the valued co-operation of agriculturists of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and of the statisticians of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day the eleventh of a series of twelve weekly telegraphic reports on the crop situation.

General Conditions

Western telegraphic reports received this morning are more optimistic because of rapid completion of harvesting, considerable threshing of high grade wheat, and generous precipitation in many districts to help late crops and pastures. The new wheat is now being marketed in some volume, considerably earlier than last year. Temperatures have remained well above the frost level and the Dominion Rust Research Laboratory at Winnipeg wires that the rust situation is unchanged since the last report.

Since our report of the 19th. daily advices of the Meteorological Service show that the weather in the West has been fairly hot, with frequent thunderstorms and some soaking rains. In the last two days, temperatures have become considerably lower. Nearly all parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta received precipitation which will promote better yields of late-sown crops and pastures and in some districts will set up a reserve for 1931 crops. Manitoba received only light showers in most areas and drought is still a general complaint in that province. The harvest is proceeding satisfactorily, although cutting has been hindered more than in the previous week of ideal weather.

The late growing season in Manitoba has not been as favourable as in the two provinces further west, so the early promise of very high yields has not been maintained. The average yield will still be higher than those of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the crops are more uniformly good over the province. Drought and rust continue to reduce the yields of late grain crops. Pastures and land to be fall ploughed are greatly in need of rain. Cutting is practically completed and threshing is proceeding rapidly in the dry weather.

In Saskatchewan, binder cutting is nearing completion and threshing is under way. Harvesting weather has not been as favourable as in Manitoba, but the showers have been welcomed for their beneficial effect on late crops. The feed situation shows an improvement.

In Alberta, fifty per cent of the wheat is cut in the south, eighty per cent in the centre, and binding is under way in the Peace River country. Good rains have greatly improved the live stock situation. Pastures have been restored and green feed encouraged to new growth and filling. The earlier promise of high yields in the north and west continues, while the south-east and central regions will harvest light crops of good quality.

Reports from Correspondents

Manitoba

Department of Agriculture,
Winnipeg,

Past week, weather hot, few local showers but generally dry. Crop mostly cut. Threshing in progress. Work advancing rapidly. Entire absence of frost. Liberal supply winter feed. Good rain needed soon to aid plowing.

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Manitoba (Concluded.)

Experimental Farm,
Brandon.

Weather dry. Rapid progress made in saving crops. In south of province, yield and quality better than anticipated. Wheat going ten to thirty bushels, with good percentage of good yields. In north, rust damage quite serious. Later maturing crops adversely affected by prolonged drought.

Experimental Station,
Morden.

Threshing well advanced. Yields of wheat variable, fifteen to forty bushels, oats forty to ninety, barley twenty-five to fifty. Early wheat grading mostly one northern, barley sample good, oats fair. Late wheat and oats affected by rust. Pastures poor. Corn drying up. Sufficient help.

Saskatchewan

Experimental Station,
Swift Current.

Binder cutting finished. Threshing and combining well started, but progress has been retarded by showers. Threshing returns so far indicate average yield of about ten bushels in district near Swift Current. Grades one to four, average two.

Experimental Station,
Rosthern.

Continued hot, dry weather with scattered rains. Cutting completed and threshing general. Wheat yielding eighteen bushels, oats thirty, barley twenty-five. Wheat grading one, two and three.

Alberta

Department of Agriculture,
Edmonton.

Wheat cutting well advanced in southern Alberta, general in central part of province, and under way at all northern points. Yield light in south-eastern Alberta; also below average on spring plowing in central Alberta, but better on irrigated land. Northern and western sections estimate thirty to thirty-five bushels per acre on summerfallow. Drought and high winds this spring caused short crops and uneven ripening in some districts. Peace River reports recent dry period slightly reduced yield of oats and barley, but wheat not affected. Recent fairly general rain over province improved pastures and green feed. Sugar beets and potatoes doing well.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations,
Lethbridge.

Fifty per cent of wheat cut in southern Alberta. Separator threshing will be general next week. Weather ideal for harvesting operations. Quality of grain threshed particularly high. Yields from summerfallow fifteen to thirty bushels, second crop twelve bushels to nothing. Sugar beet prospects excellent. Crop more mature than usual.

Experimental Station,
Lacombe.

Hot, dry weather during August rushed ripening all crops, but lowered yields and grades. 2.4 inches rain since August 16 delaying cutting. All wheat ripe, eighty per cent cut. Twenty per cent oats and ten per cent barley cut. Rain too late for grain crops, but will help reseeded green feed.

Experimental Sub-Station
Beaverlodge.

Weather since last report cool with occasional sprinkles, favourable to filling but retarding maturity. Cutting well under way in most districts and a few growers of early varieties nearly through harvesting. Some premature cutting done, yields and grades doubtless reduced thereby. Barring further frosts, wheat should average twenty-five bushels throughout the Peace and oats forty or better.



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